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Quality Committee Agenda Items from the CMS Inspection

- 1) Evaluation of Proficiency Testing (PT)
- 2) Use of the PT corrective action form, CL FRM 00006-F1/F2
- 3) PT corrective action follow up: ALP, Blood Cell ID and Troponin
- 4) Handling of ungraded PT
- 5) Alternative Assessment Procedures (AAP) for PT evaluation.
- 6) Tracking of mislabeled specimens
- 7) Review of specimens referred to Reference Laboratories (RL)
- 8) TPS 3.5 shutdown
- 9) Signature of Laboratory Director(LD) on procedures prior to use
- 10) Monitoring of clinical lab freezer and refrigerator temps
- 11) Follow up on freezer temperature deficiencies.
- 12) Monitoring that other freezers and refrigerators are not used for the clinical lab.
- 13) Monitoring that package inserts are routinely reviewed for changes.
- 14) Monitoring test verification procedures, not performed by the manufacturer.
- 15) Criteria for test verification does not contain CV< 1,5 (manufacturer CV)
- 16) Monitoring assays for plasma testing were verified for plasma testing.
- 17) Documenting studies for reportable range were adequately performed.
- 18) Documenting where medical decision point replace reportable range.
- 19) Establishing and monitoring critical values.
- 20) Documentation of routine calibration verification and linearity studies.
- 21) Verification of licensing and monitoring of job descriptions for compatibility.
- 22) Documentation of training and competency
- 23) Monitoring that no patient results are reported without valid Quality Control (QC)
- 24) Monitoring use of the 10x rule
- 25) Monitoring of QC failures
- 26) Monitoring that parallel testing occurs when lots of QC material are changed.
- 27) Follow up Cellavision QC failure
- 28) Follow up CT/NG testing QC failure
- 29) Follow up bacterial media QC failure, document lot # used in patient testing.
- 30) Follow up HCG QC failure
- 31) Follow up LH QC failure
- 32) Follow up CEA QC failure
- 33) Monitor correct calculation of INR
- 34) Monitor comparisons of different methods or instruments performing the same test.
- 35) Monitor intra-observer variations in performing manual differentials.